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The Honorable Gregory M. Sleet United States District Court 844 N. King Street Wilmington, DE 19801 BY E-FILING AND HAND DELIVERY

Re:

Aventis Pharmaceuticals Inc., et al. v. Barr Laboratories, Inc.,

C. A. No. 06-286-GMS

Dear Chief Judge Sleet:

Yesterday, Your Honor issued an Oral Order rescheduling the Pretrial Conference in the above-captioned matter from Monday, April 28, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. to Thursday, April 24, 2008 at 9:30 a.m.

The new date of April 24 presents an irreconcilable conflict for Barr's lead trial counsel, James F. Hurst of Winston & Strawn LLP. Mr. Hurst is scheduled to be in California that day, arguing a summary judgment motion before Judge Claudia Wilken in the matter of *In re Abbott Labs. Norvir Antitrust Litig.*, N.D. Cal., Case No. C-04-1511 CW.

If Your Honor sees fit to entertain the possibility of re-scheduling the Pretrial Conference, please be advised that Mr. Hurst could be present in Delaware on April 25 (afternoon only), and May 8 or 9. I have shared those dates with plaintiff's counsel, and they have confirmed their availability on the afternoon of April 25 and on May 8, but are only available during the morning of May 9. Certainly, if Your Honor would consider re-scheduling, I would be pleased to clear any other prospective dates and times with plaintiff's counsel.

If re-scheduling is not feasible, Barr respectfully requests that Mr. Hurst be excused from attending the April 24 Pretrial Conference, notwithstanding that he will act as Barr's lead counsel at the 4-day bench trial scheduled to commence on May 19, 2008.

Respectfully,

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